

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN CHAMBERS  
REGULAR MEETING – November 3, 2003 - 8:00 P.M.**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Call to order with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag of the United States of America.

**II. AWARDS AND CITATIONS**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes to be approved for printing:

October 20, 2003:

- Regular Meeting

**IV. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

**VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

A. ***Ed. Programs and Instruction Subcommittee:*** (Ms. Bauer) Oct. 22

Subjects discussed:

- Question 2 Transition and Implementation
- Approval of In-service Courses

Motion from Subcommittee:

- To approve the In-service Course, Orff-Schulwerk: A Process for Music Making in the Classroom

B. ***Long Range Planning Committee of the Whole:*** (Ms. Rossetti) Oct. 27

Subjects discussed:

- Presentation K-8 Parent/Guardian Survey

- Public Relations

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### VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES (cont.)

Motion from Committee of the Whole:

- The Somerville School Committee voted to hold four community forums at different locations for the purpose of soliciting input from the community on the Somerville Public Schools. These meetings will be held between December and April (2004).

#### C. ***Finance and Facilities Subcommittee:*** (Ms. Murray) Nov. 3

Subjects discussed:

- Foodservices Update
- Grants Update
- Quarterly Expenditures

### VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. **Field Trip** – (Recommended Action: Approval)

**Nov. 21, 2003:** Powder House Community School, Grade 8, to New York City, NY. Transportation by tour bus at a cost of \$75.00 per student.

#### B. **SHS Summer School Graduates** – (Recommended Action: Approval)

Mr. Thomas F. Galligani, SHS Headmaster, recommending that the following students, who have successfully completed summer school and have earned the required credits, be granted a SHS diploma:

Jeff Jean-Baptiste  
Maria Lopez  
Jonathan Mackey II  
Ivonne Zavala

### IX. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

### X. COMMUNICATIONS

**XI. PERSONNEL**

Complete report submitted to members. Recommended Actions: Receive and place on file.

**A. Retirements**

1. Francis Ferraro, 15 Erwin Rd., N. Reading, MA 01864 (Principal, Capuano Center) effective 6/30/04.
2. Marjorie Gorman, 6 Tennyson St., Somerville, MA 02145 (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at PHCS) effective 6/30/04.
3. Carole Gilberti, 1 Highland Ave., Methuen, MA 01844 (Supervisor, Family Consumer Science) effective 6/30/04.

**B. Unpaid Leave of Absence**

1. Catherine Lynch, 167 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 (Lunch Aide @ Capuano) from 10/19/03 to 1/1/04.
2. Mary Chochrek, 10 Franklin St., Somerville, MA 02145 (ECIP Paraprofessional) from 11/3/03 to 11/20/03.
3. Maureen Bastardi, 14 Virginia St., Somerville, MA 02145 (SPED Paraprofessional) from 10/2/03 to 11/8/03.
4. Medical Leave of Absence
5. Maira DeCastro, 76 Ten Hills Rd., Somerville, MA 02145 (SEIP Paraprofessional) from 10/8/03 to 11/10/03.

**C. Maternity Leave of Absence**

1. Mary Benson, 26 Tufts St., Malden, MA 02148 (ECIP Paraprofessional @Capuano) beginning on or about 10/17/03.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**